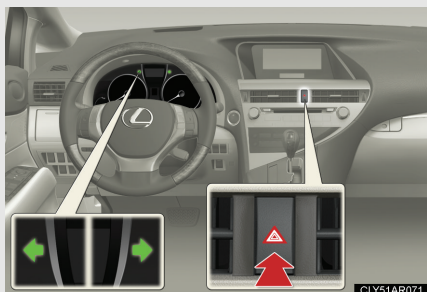
Emergency flashers

The emergency flashers are used to warn other drivers when the vehicle has to be stopped in the road due to a breakdown, etc.

Press the switch.

All the turn signal lights will flash. To turn them off, press the switch once again.

Emergency flashers

RX350: If the emergency flashers are used for a long time while the engine is not operating, the 12-volt battery may discharge.

RX450h: If the emergency flashers are used for a long time while the hybrid system is not operating (while the “READY” indicator is not illuminated), the 12-volt battery may discharge.

If your vehicle needs to be towed

If towing is necessary, we recommend having your vehicle towed by your Lexus dealer or a commercial towing service, using a lift-type truck or a flatbed truck.
Use a safety chain system for all towing, and abide by all state/provincial and local laws.

2WD models: If towing your vehicle with a wheel-lift type truck from the front, the vehicle's rear wheels and axles must be in good conditions. (→P. 852, 855)
If they are damaged, use a towing dolly or flatbed truck.

AWD models: If towing your vehicle with a wheel-lift type truck, use a towing dolly. (→P. 852, 855)

Before towing

The following may indicate a problem with your transmission (RX350) or hybrid transmission (RX450h). Contact your Lexus dealer before towing.

- The engine (RX350) or hybrid system (RX450h) is operating but the vehicle will not move.
- The vehicle makes an abnormal sound.

Emergency towing

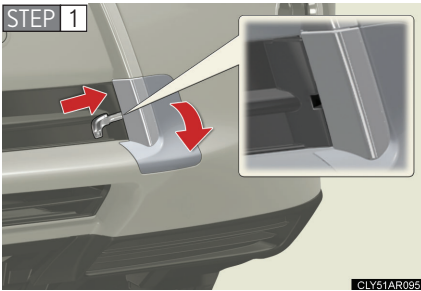
▶ RX350

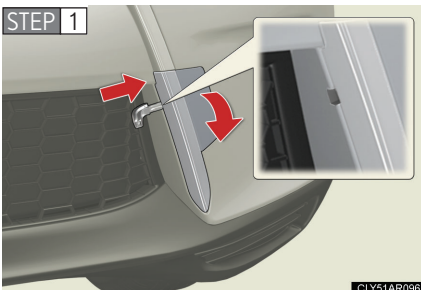
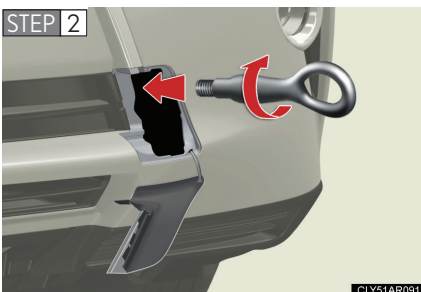
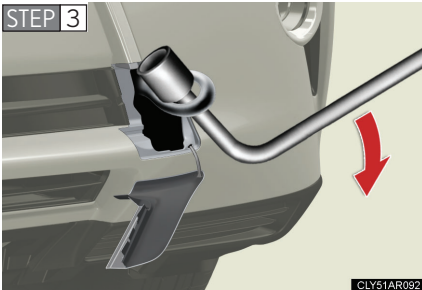
If a tow truck is not available in an emergency, your vehicle may be temporarily towed using a cable or chain secured to the emergency towing eyelet(s). This should only be attempted on hard, surfaced roads for short distances at low speeds.
A driver must be in the vehicle to steer and operate the brakes. The vehicle's wheels, drive train, axles, steering and brakes must be in good condition.

▶ RX450h

If a tow truck is not available in an emergency, your vehicle may be temporarily towed using a cable or chain secured to the emergency towing eyelet(s). This should only be attempted on hard surfaced roads for short distances at under 18 mph (30 km/h).
A driver must be in the vehicle to steer and operate the brakes. The vehicle's wheels, drive train, axles, steering and brakes must be in good condition.

Installing towing eyelets

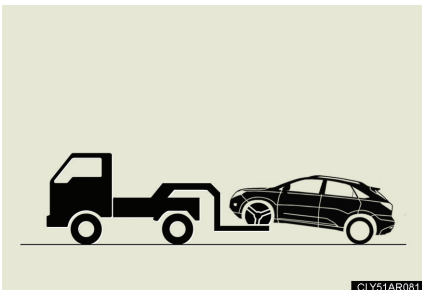
▶ Type A

Insert the mechanical key (→P. 58) into the groove and release the claws. With the mechanical key inserted, remove the eyelet cover by pulling it towards you.

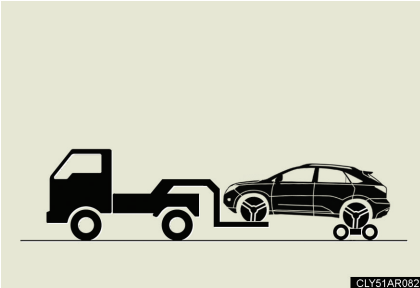
▶ Type B

Insert the mechanical key (→P. 58) into the groove and release the claws. With the mechanical key inserted, remove the eyelet cover by pulling it towards you.

Insert the towing eyelet into the hole and tighten as much as possible by hand.

Using the tip of the wheel nut wrench, tighten down the towing eyelet securely without interfering with the bumper.

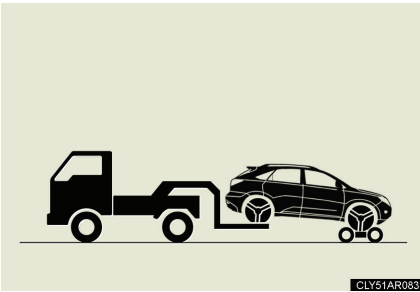
Towing with a sling-type truck

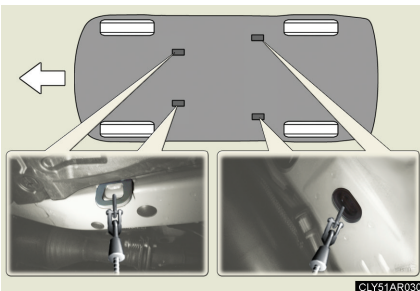
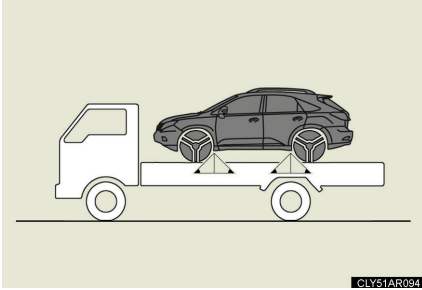
Do not tow with a sling-type truck to prevent body damage.

Towing with a wheel-lift type truck

► From the front (2WD models)

Release the parking brake.

▶ From the front (AWD models)

Use a towing dolly under the rear wheels.

▶ From the rear

Use a towing dolly under the front wheels.

Using a flatbed truck

If your Lexus is transported by a flatbed truck, it should be tied down at the locations shown in the illustration.

If you use chains or cables to tie down your vehicle, the angles shaded in black must be 45°.

Do not overly tighten the tie downs or the vehicle may be damaged.

■ Before emergency towing

STEP 1 Release the parking brake.

STEP 2 Shift the shift lever to N.

STEP 3 RX350: Turn the “ENGINE START STOP” switch to ACCESSORY (engine off) or IGNITION ON (engine running) mode.
RX450h: Turn the “POWER” switch to ACCESSORY (hybrid system off) or ON (hybrid system operating) mode.

■ Emergency towing eyelet location

→P. 898

⚠ CAUTION

■ Caution while towing

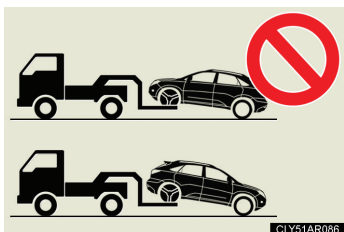
- Use extreme caution when towing the vehicle.
  Avoid sudden starts or erratic driving maneuvers which place excessive stress on the emergency towing eyelets and the cables or chains. Always be cautious of the surroundings and other vehicles while towing.
- RX350: If the engine is not running, the power assist for the brakes and steering will not function, making steering and braking more difficult.
- RX450h: If the hybrid system is off, the power assist for the brakes and steering will not function, making steering and braking more difficult.

■ Installing towing eyelets to the vehicle

Make sure that towing eyelets are installed securely.
If not securely installed, towing eyelets may come loose during towing. This may lead to accidents that cause serious injury or even death.

NOTICE

■ **To prevent causing serious damage to the transmission and Active Torque Control 4WD system (RX350 AWD models) when towing using a wheel-lift type truck**

2WD models: Never tow this vehicle from the rear with the front wheels on the ground. This may cause serious damage to the transmission. If towing from the rear, use a towing dolly.

AWD models: Never tow this vehicle with any of the wheels on the ground. This may cause serious damage to the transmission and Active Torque Control 4WD system (RX350 AWD models). Use a towing dolly.

■ **To prevent damaging the vehicle when towing using a wheel-lift type truck**

When raising the vehicle, ensure adequate ground clearance for towing at the opposite end of the raised vehicle. Without adequate clearance, the vehicle could be damaged while being towed.

■ **To prevent body damage when towing using a sling-type truck**

Do not tow with a sling-type truck, either from the front or rear.

■ **Recreational towing (behind motor home, etc.)**

Never dinghy tow your vehicle to prevent causing serious damage to the Active Torque Control 4WD system (RX350 AWD models) and transmission. (→P. 391)

If you think something is wrong

If you notice any of the following symptoms, your vehicle probably needs adjustment or repair. Contact your Lexus dealer as soon as possible.

Visible symptoms

- Fluid leaks under the vehicle.
  (Water dripping from the air conditioning after use is normal.)
- Flat-looking tires or uneven tire wear
- Engine coolant temperature gauge needle continually points higher than normal.

Audible symptoms

- Changes in exhaust sound
- Excessive tire squeal when cornering
- Strange noises related to the suspension system
- RX350: Pinging or other noises related to the engine
- RX450h: Pinging or other noises related to the hybrid system

Operational symptoms

- Engine missing, stumbling or running rough
- Appreciable loss of power
- Vehicle pulls heavily to one side when braking.
- Vehicle pulls heavily to one side when driving on a level road.
- Loss of brake effectiveness, spongy feeling, pedal almost touches the floor

Fuel pump shut off system (RX350)

To minimize the risk of fuel leakage when the engine stalls or when an air-bag inflates upon collision, the fuel pump shut off system stops the supply of fuel to the engine.

Follow the procedure below to restart the engine after the system is activated.

STEP 1 Turn the "ENGINE START STOP" switch to ACCESSORY mode or turn it off.

STEP 2 Restart the engine.

■ **Before starting the engine**

Inspect the ground under the vehicle.
If you find that fuel has leaked onto the ground, the fuel system has been damaged and is in need of repair. Do not restart the engine.